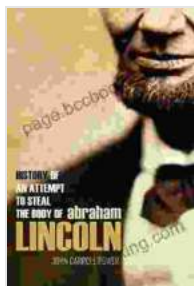


# The Attempted Theft of Abraham Lincoln's Body: A True Story of Greed, Betrayal, and the American Spirit



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In the weeks following the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, a group of men hatched a plan to steal his body from his tomb in Springfield, Illinois. The plotters were motivated by a mix of greed, revenge, and political opportunism.

The leader of the plot was a former Confederate soldier named John Wilkes Booth. Booth had been a member of the assassination conspiracy that had killed Lincoln, and he believed that stealing the president's body would be the ultimate revenge. He also hoped to use the body as a bargaining chip to secure the release of Confederate prisoners of war.

Booth recruited a group of followers to help him carry out the plot. The group included a doctor, a gravedigger, and a undertaker. They planned to dig up Lincoln's body, take it to a nearby farm, and hold it for ransom.

On the night of April 25, 1865, the plotters carried out their plan. They dug up Lincoln's body and took it to a nearby farm. However, their plan quickly fell apart. The undertaker, who was supposed to keep the body, got drunk and passed out. The gravedigger, who was supposed to bury the body, was arrested for vagrancy.

News of the plot quickly spread, and the authorities were soon on the hunt for the plotters. Booth was captured and killed in a shootout with Union soldiers. The other plotters were arrested and convicted of conspiracy to steal Lincoln's body.

The attempted theft of Abraham Lincoln's body is a fascinating story that sheds light on the dark side of American history. It is a story of greed, betrayal, and the American spirit.

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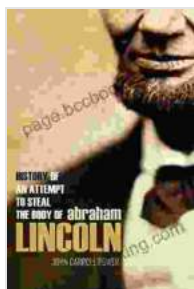
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